



MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION
Atty. Docket No.: 25498

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Joerg STROKA

Serial No. Not yet assigned

Filed: 27 June, 2003

Title: **PORTABLE SAMPLING LANCE**

(Continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP01/14845,
having an International Filing Date of December 15, 2001.)



FILING FORM

FOR CONTINUATION U.S. PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. This is a Request for filing a
 - X Continuation Application under:
 - X 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1)
 - ___ Divisional Application under:
 - ___ 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1)
 - ___ Continuation-In-Part (CIP) application
 - ___ 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(2)
- of **prior** ("parent") application:
 - International Application No.: PCT/EP01/14845
 - International Filing Date: December 15, 2001
 - Entitled: **PORTABLE SAMPLING LANCE**
2. X *Enclosed for application under 37 CFR §§ 1.53(b) are:
 - 9 pages of text (specification, claims, abstract)
 - 9 claims
 - 1 sheet of drawings

3. The **present** application names the following inventor(s):

Joerg STROKA

— (37 CFR § 1.53--"CIP") The above-identified application (in which no payment of the Issue Fee, abandonment of or termination of proceedings has occurred) is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application.

The **Total Filing Fee** is calculated as follows:

— Enter the Amendment filed in the prior patent application on _____ prior to calculating the filing fee.

XX Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee.

(Col 1)			(Col 2)		SMALL ENTITY		OR	NON-SMALL ENTITY	
	NUMBER OF CLAIMS FILED		NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS		RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
TOTAL	9	minus 20	0		x9=	0		x18=	0
INDEP	1	minus 3	0		x42=	0		x84=	0
BASE FILING FEE:					+375=	0		+750=	750
<u>xx</u> Multiple Dependent Claims					+140=	0		+280=	0
					TOTAL	0	OR	TOTAL	750

— Applicant(s) is/are a "small entity". A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status:
 — was filed in the parent application, and small entity status is still proper and desired (Rules 60, 62 only);
 — is filed herewith;
 — will be filed at a later date.

X A check including the above-indicated filing fee is enclosed.

— A Petition for Extension of Time (to keep the parent case pending) is enclosed, with a check including the \$ extension fee.

___ Assignment document(s) is/are submitted herewith, with a check including the recordation fee of \$40.00 per Assignment.

___ No check is enclosed. A Declaration and Power of Attorney will be submitted at a later date pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.41, 1.53, together with a check for the "Total Filing Fee" calculated above and a surcharge under 37 CFR § 1.16(e).

___ The prior application is assigned of record to ___, the Assignment being recorded on ___, on Reel ___, Frame(s) ___.

___ An original executed Declaration is enclosed.

X Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application is a continuation application of International Application No. PCT/EP01/14845 having an International Filing Date of December 15, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.--

X Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE application(s) 01100435.5, filed January 8, 2001, is hereby claimed. The certified priority paper(s):

___ was/were filed in the parent case;

___ is/are enclosed herewith;

X will be submitted at a later date.

___ The power of attorney in the prior application is to ___.

___ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

X Address all future communications to:

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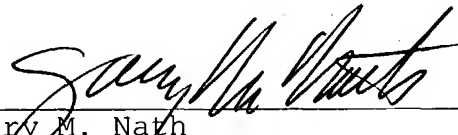
— If extensions of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the parent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned to allow copendency of the parent and the present continuing application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fee deficiency under 37 CFR § 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter
- (2) Filing Form For Continuation U.S. Patent Application
- (3) Continuation application including:
International Publication No: WO 02/054040
International Publication Date: 11 July 2002 (11.07.02)
which consists of 10 pages including:
 - 1 Cover sheet containing the Abstract
 - 6 pages Textual Specification
 - 1 page containing the Reference List
 - 1 Page of 9 claims
 - 1 Sheet of Drawings
- (4) PCT/ISA/210 International Search Report
- (5) Preliminary Amendment
- (6) PCT/IPEA/416 Notification of Transmittal of the International Preliminary Examination Report
- (7) PCT/IPEA/409 International Preliminary Examination Report
- (8) Unexecuted Declaration/Power of Attorney
- (9) PCT/IB/308 Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices
- (10) Information Disclosure Statement
- (11) Form PTO-1449 with (5) references
- (12) Check No. 18642 \$750.00 for filing fee
- (13) Postcard for early notification of serial number

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